Drive against exporters in Delhi

3121. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government recently started its dehoarding drive against rice exporters in the capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Commerce has expressed its concern at the propects of fall in export of rice as a result of the drive;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of rice exporters are carrying on their business without licence; and

(d) if so, steps being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Delhi Administration conducted dehoarding checkings from 24-1-92 to 1-2-92 at different places belonging to 18 trader including rice exporters.

(b) The Ministry has no such information.

(c) and (d) The exporters, functioning without a licence, have been advised to obtain a licence and abide by the law in future.

Sri Lankan and Bangladesh refugees

4122. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of food being consumed by Sri Lankan, Tamil refugees and refugees who have come from Bangladesh; and

(b) the month and yearwise details thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Allocations of rice and wheat from the Central Pool to various States/Union Territories for the public distribution system are meant for the State as a whole and the distribution within the State, including its coverage and scale of issue to the consumers, is decided by the concerned State Government/Union Territory. The Central Government does not monitor the actual distribution of rice and wheat by any State/Union Territory for the consumption by Sri Lankan, Tamil refugees and refugees who have come from Bangladesh.

Production of Sugar

4123. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a phenomenal increase in the production of sugar this year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase its export; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Sugar production during 1991-92 season till 29.2.1992 aggregated to 77.46 lakh tonnes (Provisional) as against 71.77 lakh tonnes till the end of February in 1990-91 season.

(b) and (c) Government had earlier approved export of 5.61 lakh tonnes of sugar. It has recently been decided to allow a further quantity of 2.5 lakh tonnes of sugar for export.

Sick sugar mills in the country

@4124. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suck sugar mills in the country, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for increase in the number of sick sugar mills in the country;

(c) the names and number of sick sugar mills which have been revived or

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